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**Re: GN Docket No. 09-191**

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I write to you as a Nevada state assembly representative who has a passion to serve my constituents by providing the best opportunities for our state to grow and prosper in a very tough economy. It is because of my dedication that I would ask that the FCC give proper consideration to the "net neutrality" rules under consideration (i.e., "In the Matter of Preserving an Open Internet," GN Docket No. 09-191).

I am a firm advocate of labor having been a union member for many years and representing a strong labor district in Northern Nevada. I believe in the workforce of today, and I am concerned about how our future workforce will be shaped by current technology. I also want to ensure that rural districts in states like Nevada have the proper investment by companies as the broadband infrastructure is created that will create more jobs in our cities – whether they be in rural or urban areas.

I believe that our families and workforce deserve the best opportunities, and with that, thoughtful consideration as to how that future will be shaped in regards to regulation of the Internet. Creating restrictions that limit the investment that will occur in areas like Nevada – where we have a significant unemployment rate and one of the highest foreclosure rates in the country, will only hamper our statewide recovery efforts. We must continue to partner with private entities to ensure adequate investment in our workforce and infrastructure continues.

We all know that access is critical as we develop our local economy and increase our access to educational tools. Our students and citizens deserve the best opportunities; I ask that you do not make decisions in haste and create rules that will foster investment for our families, workforce and children's futures.

Sincerely,



Assemblywoman Debbie Smith